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Applicant(s): Lasse Hessel *JAN 27 89*  
Title: TUBULAR PROTECTIVE <sup>GROUP</sup> DEVICE FOR PROTECTION AGAINST TRANSFER OF INFECTIOUS MATTER, ETC. *see of*  
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In response to the Official Action of July 25, 1988, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE ABSTRACT

In the abstract at line 6 please delete the word "means" and insert therefor --a ring-like member--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 21, 22, and 23 as follows.

21. (Amended) A tubular protective device for protection against a transfer of infectious matter during sexual intercourse consisting of:

(a) a flexible, thin-walled tube having a sufficiently large first diameter to permit movement of a penis within said tube during coitus, said tube having a closed end and an open end, said open end having;

(i) a collar-shaped, outwardly extending conical portion, and

(ii) an [first] elastic ring integrally connected with said collar-shaped portion having a second diameter larger [that] than said first diameter;

wherein said flexible, thin-walled tube is a polymer material, said polymer material being selected from the